

REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register: 21 September 2000
 Name of applicant/court: The District Court at Auckland
 Applicant to the Labelling Body: Not Applicable
 Title of Publication: Link
 Other Known Titles: Not Stated
 Director: Chi Chi LaRue
 Producer: Dan Cross
 Publisher: Not Applicable
 Author: Not Applicable
 Format: Video Recording VHS/PAL
 Country of Origin: Not Stated
 Language: English

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Components of film originally examined:

Feature:	Link	Running time:	117.21
Trailers:	All Worlds Video Notice	Running time:	0.27
	All Worlds Video Notice		0.16
		Total Running time:	118.04

Excision/Alteration: Not Applicable.

Reason(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

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Classification Decision:

Objectionable.

Display Conditions:

Not Applicable.

Descriptive Note:

Not Applicable.

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Direction to issue a label has been given on: Not Applicable.

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SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The video recording entitled *Link* is classified as:
Objectionable.

The video recording is deemed objectionable under s3(2)(d) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 (FVPC Act) because it tends to promote and support the use of urine in association with sexual conduct. The primary focus of *Link* is the explicit depiction of sexual activity between men. The sexual activity depicted presents as consensual, and safe sexual practices are evident during penetrative sexual activity. There is a brief scene which depicts the use of urine in association with sexual conduct. The nature of this scene, and its inclusion in material which is intended to sexually arouse the viewer, means that *Link* tends to promote and support the use of urine in association with sexual conduct.

The New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 (NZBR Act) has been considered in relation to this publication. As a deeming provision, s3(2) of the FVPC Act is evidence of Parliament's intention that publications to which those criteria apply should be banned. It is therefore not possible to give s3(2) an interpretation that is consistent with the freedom of expression contained in the NZBR Act. The classification of "objectionable" is the only restriction on the freedom of expression that is consistent with this intention that publications such as *Link* should be banned.

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